Women prisoners

†3400. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of women prisoners in Tihar and Sabarmati jails;

(b) out of these, the latest details of prisoners undergoing life imprisonment, term-imprisonment and undertrials;

(c) whether cells meant for women prisoners in these prisons are overcrowded;

(d) whether Government propose to construct separate/special jails for women only in the State capitals; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) According to available information. The number of women prisoners in Tihar Jail was 466 as on 29.2.2000. The number of women prisoners in Sabarmati Jail was 32 as on 6.3.2000. The break-up in this regard is given below:—

	Tihar Jail	Sabarmati Jail
Prisoners undergoing life imprisonment	39	—
Prisoners undergoing term imprisonment	47	—
Undertrials	380	15
Detenues	—	17

(c) The problem of overcrowding exists in Tihar Jail. However, no such problem is being experienced in Sabarmati Jail.

(d) and (e) 'Prisons' is a State subject as per the Constitution of India. It is for the State Governments to choose the locations for construction of women jails as per requirement.

Administrative cost in NE States

3401. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an alarming level of rise in administrative cost in North-East States has stalled development activities; and

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(b) if so, the steps taken to bail out these State with special assistance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Crimes and bomb blasts in trains

3402. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of nature of crimes including bomb blasts reported in the running trains since the beginning of 1999 to till date and the zones which have shown increasing trend;

(b) the measures taken by Government so far to check the growing crims/ bomb blasts on the running trains and to provide safety to life and property of the passengers; and

(c) whether any compensation was paid to those who were injured or to the nearest relatives of dead persons (zone-wise) till date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Fake currency in Chamoli

†3403. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that huge fake currency notes are found to be in circulation in Chamoli and Dehradun districts of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether it is also a fact that ISI are using the labourers of Nepali origin for this purpose; and

(c) if so, what measures have been taken by Government to tackle this situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. SWAMI): (a) According to information received from the Govt. of Uttar Pradesh, three cases of seizure of fake currency, two in 1999 and one in

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